

(b) the areas in which it had been prevalent during the last season ;

(c) the areas in which it has been now prevailing ;

(d) the probable area it affected then and now ;

(e) the estimated loss on account of the disease ?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Nil.

(c) Districts of Bangalore, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Kolar, Mysore, Hassan and Chickmagalur.

(d) About 14,672 acres affected this year. For the last year the area affected does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(e) About 30 per cent to 40 per cent is the estimated loss in the affected crop.

### Reversion of Commercial Tax Inspectors.

\*Q.—149. Sri J. L. KABADI (Baradol).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that some Commercial Tax Inspectors who were promoted under Order No. EST-C-974 dated 18-2-1965 from the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Bangalore have been reverted as I Division Clerks within three months for the reasons that they are not qualified for the post ;

(b) out of the reverted persons now working as I Division Clerks how many are fully qualified for the post and why they are not given promotions from the date of requisite qualifications ;

(c) whether it is a fact that 38 persons who are junior to the reverted persons have been given promotion in direct vacancies ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Four of them are qualified by passing the tests and these four persons have already been promoted as Commercial Tax Inspectors according to their seniority among the qualified officials against the direct recruitment vacancies recently created.

They could not be promoted from the date of their acquiring the requisite qualifications for the reason that no vacancies were available on that date, as the available vacancies were filled up by directly recruited Commercial Tax Inspectors after their training.

(c) Yes. Only 33.

These 33 juniors were qualified for promotion by passing the prescribed examinations and they had seniority among the qualified officials then available.